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MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The Medical Board of California was called to order by President Ronald H. Wender, M.D., on May 11, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present and notice had been sent to interested parties.

Members Present:

Ronald H. Wender, M.D., President
Steve Alexander
William S. Breall, M.D.
Hedy Chang
Steven Corday, M.D.
Shelton Duruisseau, Ph.D.
Richard D. Fantozzi, M.D.
Gary Gitnick, M.D.
Martin R. Greenberg, Ph.D.
Laurie C. Gregg, M.D.
Salma Haider
Mary Lynn Moran, M.D.
Ronald L. Moy, M.D.
Lorie G. Rice
Barbara Yaroslavsky

Members Absent:

Cesar Aristeiguieta, M.D.
James A. Bolton, Ph.D.
Catherine T. Campisi, Ph.D.
Mitchell S. Karlan, M.D.

Staff Present:

David T. Thornton, Executive Director
Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Deputy Director
Laura Freedman, Staff Counsel, DCA Legal Office
Arlene Krysinski, Associate Analyst, Enforcement Program
Valerie Moore, Associate Analyst, Enforcement Program
Cindi Oseto, Analyst, Licensing Program
Pat Park, Associate Analyst, Licensing Program
Richard Prouty, Manager, Discipline & Staff Services Unit
Regina Rao, Business Services
Teresa Schaeffer, Executive Assistant
Kevin Schunke, Regulation Coordinator
Anita Scuri, Senior Staff Counsel, DCA Legal Office
Letitia Robinson, Legislative Analyst
Barry Taylor, Manager, Manager, Licensing Operations
Renee Threadgill, Deputy Chief of Enforcement
Frank Valine, Diversion Program Manager
Linda K. Whitney, Legislative Coordinator
Curt Worden, Manager, Licensing Section

Members of the Audience:

Zennie Coughlin, Legal Office, Kaiser Permanente
Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, Center for Public Interest Law
Brett Michelin, California Medical Association
Janet Mitchell, Consumer
Carlos Ramirez, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Agenda Item 2 Executive Committee Report and Legislation

Linda Whitney, Chief of Legislation, requested the board's concurrence on the 2006 legislation as approved by the Executive Committee. It was m/Rice, s/Alexander, c/all to adopt the recommendations of Executive Committee on 2006 legislation as follows:

AB 293 (Maze)	Income Tax Credit: Medical Care Professionals – Support
AB 1954 (Lieu)	Physicians: Participation in Executions – No position
AB 2283 (Oropeza)	Physicians: Cultural Background – Support
AB 2342 (Nakanishi)	Voluntary Service: Malpractice Insurance – Support w/amendments
AB 2805 (Blakeslee)	Health Care Referrals - Neutral
AB 2821 (Huff)	Asian Medicine Board – Oppose
AB 2855 (Parra)	Health Care Service Plans: Discount Health Plans – No position
AB 2986 (Mullin)	Controlled Substances: Prescription Requirements - Support
SB 583 (Figueroa)	Cancer: Treatment – Oppose
SB 1285 (Aanestad)	Speech-Language Pathology – Neutral

SB 1301 (Alquist)	Health Facilities: Reporting and Inspection – Support if amended
SB 1423 (Figueroa)	Laser Procedures – Neutral
SB 1438 (Figueroa)	Healing Arts: Reporting Requirements – Sponsor/Support
SB 1555 (Speier)	Umbilical Cord Blood Bank: Education – Support w/amendments
SB 1808 (Aanestad)	Physicians: Advisory Council – No position

Agenda Item 3 Executive Director's Report

A. Board Budget Overview & Staffing Update

Mr. Thornton directed the members' attention to the budget expenditure report on page 5 of the material provided in their board packet. He noted a correction to the amount for the Attorney General Services line item and stated the amount should reflect an increase of \$678,298.

Mr. Thornton reported staff has been meeting with various staff members from both the Assembly and Senate Budget offices, as well as the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst office and Senator Figueroa's staff in an effort to work out some concerns raised by the Senate and Assembly budget subcommittees regarding the restoration of all the positions as recommended by the enforcement monitor. After much negotiation, the 10 positions that were approved as limited term positions in the budget have been converted and re-classed to permanent positions.

Mr. Thornton also reported the budget passed out of the Assembly and the Senate on May 11, 2006 with increases in the line item dealing with the Diversion Program Audit by the Bureau of State Auditor's office. He stated this will increase our budget approximately \$300,000 and was previously approved by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC).

Mr. Thornton provided an update on staffing and reported currently there are two vacancies in the executive staff, the Chief of Enforcement and Chief of Licensing positions. Mr. Thornton stated he was happy to report that Renee Threadgill, Deputy Chief of enforcement agreed to fill in as the Interim Chief of Enforcement until we are able to fill this position. He stated we are moving forward as quickly as possible to fill both of these positions.

Mr. Thornton provided an update on investigator vacancies and reported out of 92 sworn positions we have 10 vacancies and another 10 vacancies are anticipated over the next several months due to retirements, pregnancies, and transfers to other departments.

B. Approval of Board Member Administrative Procedure Manual

Mr. Thornton directed the members' attention to pages 20-33 of their board packet to a copy of the final version of the Board Member Administrative Procedure Manual and requested the members' approval of the manual.

It was m/Alexander, s/Fantozzi, c/all to approve the Board Member Administrative Procedure Manual.

C. Meeting Survey and Rating Sheet

Mr. Thornton provided a synopsis of the comments received from members on the survey/rating from the February 2006 meeting. He reported the overall rating and response was the board members *agree* they have the necessary information for the meetings, the discussion items are relevant and there is enough time allowed to discuss agenda items with a couple of exceptions noted.

Mr. Alexander noted a number of the board members' suggestions have already been implemented. He thanked Mr. Thornton for being responsive and acting on the member's comments.

D. Board Restructure Meeting Update

Mr. Alexander began by providing a brief update on the issue of board restructuring and directed the members' attention to page 36, Agenda Item 3 D, of their board packet to a copy of a memo from Mr. Thornton for further information. He explained Senate Bill 231(Figueroa) requires the Legislature to examine the composition of the Medical Board and its fee structure and report its finding to the Governor and Legislature no later than July 1, 2008. In anticipation of this review, Executive Staff met with board members, Richard Fantozzi, M.D., Martin Greenberg, Ph.D., Ronald Wender, M.D and himself. on two occasions, December 19, 2005 and March 24, 2006, to gather information and exchange ideas to take a comprehensive look at the structure and operation of the Medical Board.

Mr. Alexander stated based on the initial discussions and results of the work group, it was recommended a special full-Board meeting be convened devoted solely to the issue of board restructuring to allow dialogue and discussion by board members, and participation by interested parties and the public..

The meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2006 from 12:30 to 5 pm at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Los Angeles. The items that will be discussed at the special board meeting include:

- ▶ Two-division structure of the current board
- ▶ Board review and approval of disciplinary and licensing decisions (stipulated decision and proposed decision from administrative law judges)
- ▶ Number of board members, and board make-up/composition necessary to efficiently and effectively provide oversight and policy making for the board/profession.
- ▶ Enforceable rules for board member attendance and participation

Mr. Alexander responded to questions and concerns from the members regarding this issue. He stated staff is in the process of preparing a memo addressing the issues, challenges, options and recommendations related to each of the four components which will be sent to all the board members and interested parties prior to the June 8, 2006 special full-board meeting.

Agenda Item 4 Public Comment

Brenda Searle, patient/consumer addressed the board concerning the issue of being dropped as a patient and requested the board's assistance in helping her be restored as a patient.

Dr. Wender suggested Ms. Searle speak with Deputy Chief Threadgill regarding her concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m..

Friday, May 12, 2006

Agenda Item 5 Call to Order/Roll Call

The Medical Board of California was called to order by President Ronald H. Wender, M.D., on May 12, 2006 at 11:40 p.m. A quorum was present and notice had been sent to interested parties.

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Dr. Wender began the meeting by announcing Lorie Rice was appointed to the Medication Errors Panel by Senate Rules. He stated the panel was established by Senate Concurrent Resolution 49 in the 2005 legislative session to study the causes of medication errors and recommend changes in the health care system to reduce errors associated with the delivery of prescription and over the counter medication to consumers. Dr Wender congratulated Ms. Rice on her appointment to the panel and asked her to give a brief report to the board.

Ms. Rice stated the panel held their first meeting on May 4, 2006 and discussed the purpose and mandate of the panel. She will keep the board updated on issues of interest to the board.

Agenda Item 6 Approval of Minutes from the February 2 – 3, 2006 Meeting

It was m/Gitnick, s/Alexander, c/all to approve the minutes of the February 2 - 3, 2006 Board meeting.

Agenda Item 7 Reports from the Divisions

A. Division of Licensing

Dr. Richard Fantozzi, President, Division of Licensing (DOL), stated they met on Friday, May 12, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. and reported the following action items and highlights:

The Division held a regulatory hearing regarding amending Sections 1351.5 and 1352 of the California Code of Regulations, on revenue neutral cost recovery. The Division approved a motion adopt the regulations and to authorize the Executive Director to make a modification to adjust the fee from the amount stated in the notice, if necessary, at the expiration of the 15-day comment period if there are no adverse comments.

The Division directed staff to develop protocols and work with California medical schools to develop internal spot audits the schools can conduct for 2111, 2112, and 2113 Special Programs.

The Division approved a motion to deny the request to lift the limitation of eight 2111 slots at UCSD's Department of Ophthalmology.

The Division directed staff to research the number of Special Program slots at each medical school and develop a consistent number the schools could allocate between departments to be presented to the Division at the July 2006 meeting.

The Division directed staff to obtain a proposal from Dr. Rose at Highland General Hospital under Special Program Section 1327 and present the plan to the Division at the July 2006 meeting.

The Division approved a motion to accept the Birthwise Midwifery School in Maine and add them to California's list of approved midwifery schools.

The Division heard a presentation by William Norcross, M.D., Director of the PACE Program at UCSD, on professionalism and continuing competency.

The Division directed staff to research the possibility of creating a task force to address the issue of physician professionalism and continuing competency or possibly adding this issue for discussion at a Public Education Committee meeting.

The DOL held elections of officers for 2006/2007. The following were elected by acclamation:

President of the Division of Licensing – Richard D. Fantozzi, M.D.

Vice President of the Division of Licensing – Laurie C. Gregg, M.D.

Secretary of the Division of Licensing – Hedy Chang

Midwifery Committee

Dr. Fantozzi, Chair, stated the Midwifery Committee met on Thursday, May 11, 2006 and reported on the following action items:

- The Committee approved a motion to recommend the Division of Licensing approve the Birthwise Midwifery School
- The Committee discussed pending legislation regarding the inclusion of a Midwifery Advisory Council and annual reporting.

- The Committee directed staff to contact and research the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) regarding the following issues and report back to the committee at the July 2006 meeting:
 1. How the issue of student re-entry is handled.
 2. Audit material and site visit results on approved California Midwifery schools, via regular report to the Division of Licensing, to ensure consistency of standards between approved schools.

B. Division of Medical Quality

Dr. Ronald Moy, President, Division of Medical Quality (DMQ), stated they met on Friday, May 12 2006 at 8:00 a.m. and reported on the following action items from the meeting:

- The minutes from the February 3, 2006 Division meeting were approved
- Mr. Valine gave the Diversion Program report and provided information on the audit to be conducted as required pursuant to SB 231 to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the Diversion Program, and make recommendations regarding the continuation of the program and any changes or reforms to be completed by June 30, 2007.
- A task force was established to hold discussions and develop recommendations for attracting new investigative staff.
- Dr. Moy, and Ms. Rice to meet and discuss the progress of the issue of practice monitors and surgical deficiency monitors with PACE.
- The DMQ held election of officers for 2006/2007. The following were elected by acclamation:
President of the Division of Medical Quality – Cesar Aristeiguieta, M.D
Vice President of the Division of Medical Quality – .Martin Greenberg, Ph.D.
Secretary of the Division of Medical Quality – Barbara Yaroslavsky

Agenda Item 8 Public Education Committee Report

Steve Alexander, Chair, stated the Public Education Committee (PEC) held a hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 devoted solely to one issue: reporting/disclosing physicians' misdemeanor convictions pursuant to Business and Profession 802.1. Mr. Alexander stated under SB 231 (Figueroa), the legislature charged the board with the task of defining misdemeanor convictions that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a physician and to submit a proposal back to the legislature. The Committee discussed the issue and took public testimony from various stakeholders. Mr. Alexander stated the Committee moved to adopt the following two recommendations and bring them forward to the full board for approval:

The first recommendation is the board seek legislation to require physicians to report **all** misdemeanor convictions.

Dr. Wender asked for public comment and discussion on the first recommendation. Hearing no public comment, Dr. Wender moved to adopt the first recommendation of the Public Education Committee to report **all** misdemeanor convictions. The motion carried unanimously.

The second recommendation is the board seek legislation to disclose those misdemeanor convictions that staff determines to be substantially related to the duties, functions and qualifications of a physician, with the following proviso: "For purposes of this section only, when determining whether a conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon, the board shall consider whether the underlying facts and circumstances involve an offense against the person, an offense of moral turpitude, an offense involving the use of drugs or alcohol, or a violation of this code or any public health or safety code."

Dr. Wender asked for any public comment on the second recommendation.

Janet Mitchell, patient advocate addressed the board and stated she supports having all misdemeanor convictions reported to the board. She relies on the information on the Medical Board's Web site for all the facts regarding a physician to help her make an informed medical decision.. She urged the board to provide the public with all the information it can about physicians so they can make educated choices.

Dr. Wender moved to adopt the second recommendation of the Public Education Committee as proposed by Mr. Alexander. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 9 Physician Recognition Committee

Dr. William Breall, Chair, began by reporting at the last meeting in February, the committee discussed the idea of changing the name of this award to a more appropriate name and recommended bringing the proposal forward to the full board for their consideration. Dr. Breall moved to approve changing the name of this award to the Physician Humanitarian Award. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Breall reported the second item the committee discussed was the criteria for eligibility to receive this award. The Committee determined the criteria was too narrow and proposed changing the language to include acts by a licensee done outside of California or the country. Dr. Breall moved to adopt the recommendation of the Physician Recognition Committee to change the language as proposed. It was so moved.

Dr. Wender was asked to present the next item on the agenda. Dr. Wender stated it was his pleasure to introduce the recipient of the Physician Recognition Award.

He stated the Physician Recognition Committee was created to recognize the demonstration of excellence by individual physicians or groups of physicians who strive to improve access and to fill gaps in the healthcare delivery system for the underserved populations in California. This year the Committee selected two individuals to receive the award.

Dr. Wender welcomed and introduced the recipient of this year's Physician Recognition Award, Dr. Craig Jones, an allergist from Los Angeles. Dr. Jones is the chief of the Division of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Pediatrics, at the Los Angeles County, University of Southern

California Medical Center. Dr. Jones developed the concept of the Breathmobile program, which he serves as its volunteer medical director. The Breathmobile is an asthma clinic on wheels and brings free treatment and medicine to disadvantaged children at over 120 schools. The Breathmobile is the first project in the country to exclusively treat children with asthma at their school site.

Dr. Wender stated it is a privilege to recognize and commend Dr. Jones for his creative innovation and dedication in dealing with the serious problem of the increase in childhood asthma.

Dr. Jones thanked the board and stated he was deeply honored and grateful for the award. He stated the success of the program was due in large part to a "group effort". He thanked the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Department of Health Services, Southern California Chapter of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation and the Los Angeles Unified School District. He stated many, many kids in the Los Angeles receive excellent health care because of all these people's effort.

Agenda Item 10 Health Manpower Pilot Project

Dr. Laurie Gregg provided a brief synopsis of the pilot project which is allowed by law to look at alternative delivery systems within our medical system. She reported Planned Parenthood, in partnership with UCSF is working on the approval of a proposed pilot project to allow nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives (CNM) and physician assistants (PA) to perform pregnancy terminations. She reported the second public hearing for the pilot project was scheduled for April 28, 2006, however, it was canceled to allow wider input from interested parties. She and Ms. Whitney will be attending the liaison committee meeting regarding the pilot project on June 19, 2006 and she will keep the board updated on the progress.

Agenda Item 11 California Physician Corps Program

Dr. Richard Fantozzi, Chair of Program Committee reported he was pleased to announce they are proceeding and have direction. He reported a meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2006 with the California Telemedicine Center and interested parties. The plan is to roll out a program where the volunteer physician will give an educational piece. He stated the California Physician Corps volunteers will be used as educators initially starting with emergency services extending into medical topics such as chronic diabetic management, and will be expanding the subject matter, and the target audiences via telemedicine in order to be able leverage our opportunity to get to more people at one time. He reported they will be adding a nursing component as they go forward.

Ms. Yaroslavsky, Chair of the Development Committee stated she is looking forward to working with the stakeholders to develop new alternatives and opportunities for raising money within the community.

Agenda Item 12 Workgroup on Cultural/Linguistic Continuing Medical Education

Ms. Hedy Chang began by stating at the last meeting in February she reported the California Endowment invited all interested stakeholders to a meeting to hear a presentation on the environmental scan which was commissioned to explore the possibilities to strengthen both second language and cultural competency training through CME activities to assist physicians in carrying out their professional responsibilities more effectively.

Ms. Chang reported a second meeting was held on February 16, 2006 with the accreditation agencies for continuing medical education. She reported both the California Medical Association (CMA) and the Academy of Family Physicians described their effort of informing physicians that the courses must contain elements of cultural and linguistic training as required pursuant to AB 1195. She stated the California Endowment has agreed through its medical leadership council to provide assistance in this effort.

Ms. Chang also reported a meeting is being planned in the near future to address AB 801 which requires the Division of Licensing to call together a work group to discuss issue of cultural and linguistic training on a broader scale. Ms. Chang stated she will keep the board apprised of the developments and recommendations for operationalizing the mandates of AB 801 and AB 1195.

Agenda Item 13 Discussion on Medical Error Reporting and How to Make it Proactive

Mr. Alexander stated he wanted to take a few minutes to get feedback and thoughts from the board members relative to the "Sorry Works" presentation and concept on medical error reporting. Mr. Alexander explained the board has a support position on AB 1301 (Alquist) Hospitals Reporting Adverse Events which is currently pending in the legislature.

Dr. Corday provided his comments and suggested the board may want to consider supporting a bill that provided a free exchange of information in which the doctor would not legally be liable in a court of law or civil suit.

Ms. Whitney explained AB 1301 (Alquist) would require reporting of 27 adverse events by health clinics and hospitals. Those would be events related to a death or medication error. There is no exception for reporting in terms of the board at this time. She reported this bill is moving forward with support from all sides. Ms. Whitney stated it is highly unlikely a bill regarding amnesty for physicians would make it through the legislative arena without significant opposition.

Agenda Item 14 Report on Providing Second Opinions to Patients by Out-of-State Providers

Ms. Anita Scuri, DCA Legal Counsel directed the members' attention to page 51 in their board packet for a copy of a memo from Janie Cordray regarding the issue of out-of-state institutions providing second opinions to patients over the internet. As outlined in the memo, Ms. Scuri explained only California-licensed physicians may diagnose and treat California patients unless

the activity falls under the exemption provided in Business and Professions Code Section 2060 which allows physician-to-physician consultations

Mr. Alexander stated the reason this item is on the agenda was to address the continuous concerns raised by the members, and to reach an agreement on whether or not this board views this activity as a violation of California Law.

Additionally, Dr. Gitnick stated the second part to this issue is whether the Board willing to walk away from the requirement for a good faith examination, as well as a good faith history.

After a vigorous discussion by the members, Dr. Wender concluded the law was clear. If the Cleveland Clinic or any other entity is providing opinions directly to California patients they are in violation of California law. Further, he directed staff to inform the Cleveland Clinic they must cease and desist.

Agenda Item 15 Board Member Discussion/Comment Session

Dr. Wender stated he was opening the discussion back up to Agenda Item 3-D Board Restructure from the meeting held Thursday, July 11, 2006.

Mr. Alexander took this opportunity to hand-out a copy of a memo which was included in the February 2 – 3, 2006 board meeting packet for information regarding the subject of board restructuring. He stated staff is in the process of preparing a memo outlining the work completed over the last couple of weeks with regard to this issue and to set up the dialogue the board will be engaged in at the Special Board Meeting being held on June 8, 2006 in Los Angeles. This information will be provided to everyone for their review two weeks prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item 16 Report on Annual Meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards

Dr. Wender stated compared to what is going on in most of the rest of the country we are very far ahead. Julie provided an excellent presentation and synopsis of the monitor's report and for a lot of these people it was an extreme eye opener that there was this much detail. The FSMB looks to California for guidance.

Agenda Item 17 Election of 2006/2007 Officers

Dr. Wender asked for nominations for the position of Secretary. Mr. Alexander nominated Richard Fantozzi, M.D., and Dr. Gregg seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Dr. Fantozzi was elected Secretary of the Medical Board by acclamation.

Dr. Wender asked for nominations for the position of Vice President. Dr. Wender nominated Lorie Rice and Dr. Fantozzi seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Ms. Rice was elected Vice President by acclamation.

Dr. Wender asked for nominations for the position of President. Dr. Wender nominated Steve Alexander and Dr. Duruisseau seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Ms. Alexander was elected President by acclamation.

Following the election, Mr. Alexander presented Dr. Wender with an engraved gavel for his dedication and service to the consumers of the State of California by serving as Board President over the last year.

Agenda Item 18 Public Comment

Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, Center for Public Interest Law congratulated the new officers and thanked the outgoing officers. She thanked Dr. Wender for being the "original Medical Board Enforcement Monitor" and for his active support of the legislation that emerged from the enforcement monitor project.

Agenda Item 19 Final Comments

Dr. Wender stated a year has passed since he assumed the presidency of this board. He stated it wasn't calm, and it certainly wasn't boring. He stated we survived in one piece with our goals and dignity intact. He thanked Dave Thornton and staff for making his job interesting, and even enjoyable in the face of significant adversity. He thanked the board members and officers for their support and the incredible job they do. He also thanked the public for whom we exist and for keeping us on our toes throughout this year. To Steve Alexander he passed the gavel knowing the board is in excellent hands.

Mr. Alexander provided final comments and stated he looks forward to working with staff and the board this year. He stated he intends to be fairly active and assured the members his focus as President will be on helping to raise the visibility and credibility of the board in the minds-eye of consumers and physicians throughout the state using the media, which is the talent he brings to this process.

Agenda Item 20 Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m..

Ronald H. Wender, M.D., President

Steve Alexander, Vice President

David T. Thornton, Executive Director

Pending
signature
of president.